

### ABSTRACT

A stool-like device for safely removing the spindle and the breechblock from the carrier of a howitzer. The device comprises a frame; rollers connected to the frame for sliding the bottom of the frame on the recoil slide rails of a howitzer until the frame is centered under the breechblock of the howitzer; and plates connected to the frame for receiving and holding the breechblock while permitting passage of the spindle through holes in the plates so that the spindle can be safely removed from the carrier of the howitzer without the breechblock dropping out of the carrier and causing bodily harm. After the spindle is removed, the breechblock can also be removed by raising the carrier and sliding the device out from under it.